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FACT SHEET

Mayor's Effort Yields \$15.5 Million Federal Grant Award for Regional Homeland Security Improvements

City Fares Well in Spite of Greatly Increased Competition for Funding

San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders has announced that San Diego will receive \$15.5 million in new grant funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The grant, awarded through the DHS Urban Area Security Initiative (or UASI), will be used to continue public safety and homeland security improvements throughout the region.

Since taking office, Mayor Sanders has worked in close partnership with the governor and the region's congressional delegation successfully securing San Diego's place on the UASI primary funding list and helping to change the methodology for how grants are awarded. This year's award validates the Mayor's efforts and is very close to the total provided to San Diego last year (\$15.9 million). The new \$15.5 million grant comes despite greatly increased competition for funds. This year, the City competed with 52 other urban areas seeking UASI funds, 14 more than the previous year.

Fiscal Year	Urban Area Security Initiative Allocation
FY 03	\$11,359,682
FY 04	\$10,418,116
FY 05	\$14,045,267
FY 06	\$7,990,000
FY 07	\$15,990,000
FY 08	\$15,510,500
Total UASI Allocations	\$75,313,565

The grant funding announced by Mayor Sanders today will allow the San Diego region to continue improving its equipment, planning and training efforts in advance of emergency needs.

The working group formed to prepare and administer the grant funding has identified nine areas for investment. These include:

1. Support for the Regional Interoperable Radio Communications Project
2. Improving regional access to technology and geospatial data useful in emergencies
3. Continuing improvements to the 3Cs Data Network
4. Enhancing capabilities of the Regional Terrorism Threat Assessment Center (RTTAC)
5. Strengthening detection and response capabilities for weapons of mass destruction
6. Protecting critical infrastructure and key resources
7. Strengthening emergency planning and citizen preparedness efforts
8. Enhancing emergency management mutual aid and catastrophic event planning
9. Integrating records management systems among multiple agencies

The amount invested in these areas will be determined in coordination with the County and the 17 other municipal agencies in the region.

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